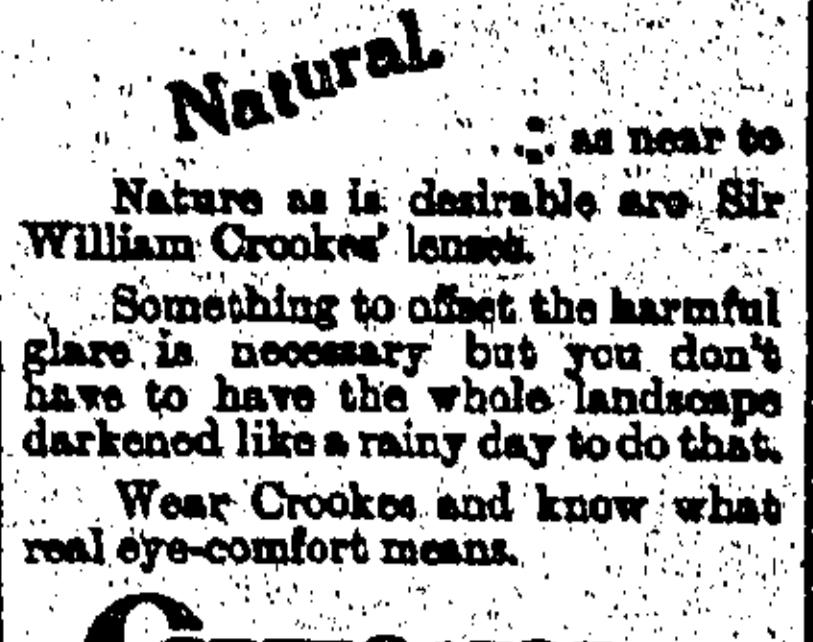




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HONGKONG GOVERNMENT UNDER FIRE

OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY H. E. MR. N. L. SMITH

WAR CABINET'S DECISION

"In view of the widespread criticisms of the Government's evacuation policy expressed in the local Press and elsewhere I consider that it is desirable that I should make a short statement to supplement the replies just given by the Honourable Colonial Secretary," remarked His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. N. L. Smith, C.M.G., when he addressed the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

His Excellency continued:

"As he has stated the final decision lay entirely with the War Cabinet in London. It would not be proper for me to discuss the steps which led to that decision but I can assure this Council that the Secretary of State was kept fully aware of the serious disturbance to the life of this Colony entailed and of all other considerations which presented themselves to me."

FINAL ORDER

The final order to evacuate women and children of pure European descent was received on the afternoon of Friday, June 28, and a special meeting of the Executive Council on the following morning approved the order for compulsory evacuation the text of which is on record. As there was a suitable ship available on the following Friday (July 5) the Evacuation Committee at once got to work on the basis of the list of voluntary applicants for evacuation prepared in 1939 and since then kept up to date.

As accommodation was not unlimited the question of compulsory registration of all women was not enforced until July 6 with fortnight's grace for all concerned. All exemptions granted by myself on the first list as well as all names now registered for the first time are at present under scrutiny.

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We Wonder Too!

There was an amusing interlude in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon during the debate on the \$10,000 "token vote" for evacuation expenses, when the Acting Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, chairman, offered his seat to Hon. Mr. J. Paterson.

The latter suggested that Hon. Sir Henry Pollock take the seat and Sir Henry was heard to remark that he would gladly accept the post if he was to receive the same salary.

The remark was greeted with loud laughter.

The incident was preceded by a remark by Sir Henry Pollock that if the Government were serious in saying that they washed their hands off the whole thing, what was the use of a Government at all?

Hon. Mr. Paterson: I have often wondered at that!

U.S. Baptist Mission Destroyed

CHUNGKING, July 25 (Reuters)—Chinese official reports from Chengtu concerning yesterday's raid claim that the American Baptist Mission inside the city was completely destroyed.

The Chinese air force claims that over ten of the 36 Japanese bombers participating in the raid over the city are believed to have been shot down by the Chinese fighters, while the wreckage of one Japanese bomber was already located in Nanpu city, north-east of Chengtu, Szechuan.

Parachutes and aeroplane bombs were found in many cities and villages in northern Szechuan along the route back to the Japanese base in Shansi.

The Chungking air defence headquarters stated that Japanese aircraft, originally entered Szechuan, via Nanking, north of Chungking, heading straight for China's wartime capital turned towards Chengtu due to bad weather conditions here.

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GOVERNMENT FORFEITS COMMUNITY'S CONFIDENCE

A STRAIN UPON LOYALTY

Opposing the \$10,000 "token vote" at the Finance Committee meeting yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., said that he did so on the ground of discrimination.

Stating that the Colonial Secretary's reply to questions 8 and 9 seemed to him to be curious, it was difficult to understand why the occasion should have arisen in the case of Mrs. A. the wife of a civilian, and should have not arisen in the case of Mrs. B. the wife of a volunteer.

On this question of evacuation or deportation, as Sir Henry Pollock had aptly called it, said Mr. D'Almada, the Government had forfeited to a great extent the respect and confidence of the community.

This, of course, was entirely Government's business but that was not all. Government had also placed an appreciable strain upon the loyalty of a large section of the community and he (Mr. D'Almada) was not going to be an accessory after the fact to any measure which had brought this about.

Hon. Mr. Dodwell remarked that as the evacuation order was by the Home Government the expenses should be paid by the Home Government. The expenses, he said, would be well over £100,000.

At present, four or five thousand women and children had been evacuated leaving some 600,000 to 700,000 Chinese women and children. If it was the Government's purpose to turn Hongkong into a fortress then there was no necessity for the evacuation to be confined to selected persons.

In reply to the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Dodwell said that he was not suggesting that they should refuse to obey the War Cabinet.

Sir Henry Pollock said that the War Cabinet was some 10,000 miles away and did not form any integral part of this Colony and they had no means of putting questions to them about their motives.

The Hongkong Government had in fact, by the answer given by the Colonial Secretary to Mr. D'Almada's questions, Cont'd Page 12, Col. 3

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UNANIMOUS OPPOSITION BY THE UNOFFICIALS TO SCHEME FOR COMPULSORY EVACUATION

"Discrimination" Disclosures By Daily Press Have Sequel

"Deportation Of Women Against Their Will"

CHARGES THAT THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT had forfeited to a great extent the respect and confidence of the community in the Colony and had placed an appreciable strain on the loyalty of a large section of the people, were levelled by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., yesterday when he joined in the unanimous opposition raised by unofficial members of the Legislative Council in the course of a lively debate at the Finance Committee meeting on the item of a "token vote" of \$10,000 for expenses incurred by the compulsory evacuation scheme.

Commenting on the recent disclosures of "disgraceful discrimination" meted out to the evacuees in Manila, THE HON. MR. M. K. LO asked the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, if he could, "in the presence of the press" say whether Government received such complaints and requested that the Government should resolutely hold an inquiry and punish the persons responsible.

PRESSED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON. MR. H. R. BUTTERS, FOR A MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT, MR. LO DECLARED THAT HE HAD SEEN LETTERS AND NEWSPAPER REPORTS WHICH REVEALED THAT THERE WAS "WEEDING OUT" AMONGST THE EVACUEES BY MR. T. J. HOUSTON AND THE VERY REV. J. L. WILSON ON THE EXPERT ADVICE OF TWO LADIES FROM HONGKONG.

HON. MR. LO asked the Colonial Secretary if he could, in the presence of the Press, say whether the Government had received complaints of the disgraceful discrimination shown to the women in Manila by those who had been sent by the Government to take charge of the evacuees.

THE HON. SIR HENRY POLLOCK, Senior Unofficial Member, described the evacuation as "the deportation of women from the Colony, against their will," while THE HON. MR. J. J. PATERSON remarked that the whole of the evacuation scheme had been "very badly handled" by the Government.

That the evacuation was entirely wrong was the contention of THE HON. MR. A. L. SHIELDS, who emphasised that the Government must have a policy.

The Acting Colonial Secretary said he would not wish to make a statement on this issue of expenses and added that the Government officials sent to Manila had nothing to do with allocations of accommodation.

Good Crops In S.W. Provinces

CHUNGKING, July 25 (Reuters)—Extremely optimistic reports have been submitted to the Government authorities on the return to Chungking of the Special Official Investigation Mission sent to the various provinces.

Good crops were reported in all the south-western provinces, including Hunan, Yunnan and Kwachow, where generally the crops are poor.

In the south-western provinces, the living conditions of the farmers, labourers and merchants are improving with the high prices for the farm products, higher wages and better business profits.

In the villages in the interior, it used to be a big event to kill a pig for food—generally once in 10 days—on such occasions the villagers go around beating gongs. Now no beating of gongs is necessary, as pigs are killed everyday.

The only people affected by the war, its teachers and Government employees, who must live on their fixed salaries.

WEEDING OUT

HON. MR. LO said that he had reliable information that the women evacuees in Manila were weeded out by the Government officials on the advice of two ladies. It was of no use merely to send a cable to inquire into the matter because the reply could very well be that there was nothing in it.

HON. SIR HENRY POLLOCK agreed with the views expressed by the unofficial members, argued that the expenses should be paid by the Home Treasury.

The Colonial Secretary then said that instructions were received from Home that the Government should evacuate women and children of European race.

For what reason and how, at the moment, he (Mr. North) did not know, but some non-European women had been sent to Manila and it was only logical that they should be brought back.

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SOONER SCHEME IS ABOLISHED THE BETTER HUSBANDS WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER

HON. MR. M. K. LO said:—My colleagues and I (as representatives of the Chinese on this Council) have very anxiously considered our position in regard to this vote, and I feel it right that I should make a short statement to explain why we have felt it our duty to vote

I am of opinion that, apart from women with children, the Government ought not to evacuate any more British women from this Colony.

I am further of opinion that British married women without children and British single women, who have already been evacuated from the Colony, ought to be given by the Government the option of returning to Hongkong from Manila, instead of being sent on from Manila to Australia.

cannot see any justification for these two classes of women provided that they are willing to run the risk of Hongkong being invaded, being kept in enforced

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

TERSE REPLIES GIVEN TO 16 QUESTIONS ON EVACUATION SCHEME

The following were the questions asked by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday afternoon on the Government's compulsory evacuation scheme, and the replies given by the Acting Colonial Secretary:

(1) Was the recent compulsory evacuation of women and children from the Colony at the order of the Home Government or directed by the Hongkong Government?

A.—As announced in the Press communiqué issued on June 29 last this action was taken on instructions from the War Cabinet.

(2) If the former, who is the order in terms that only British women and children of pure European descent should be evacuated?

A.—The terms of the orders were that this should be done as a first step.

(3) If the answer to (2) is in the affirmative, did Government draw the attention of the Home Government to the following:

(a) that there is in the Colony a large number of British women and children who are not of pure European descent?

(b) the consequent discrimination involved in the said order?

A.—The answer is in the negative. His Majesty's Government is aware of the position.

(4) If the answer to (1) is that the said evacuation was directed by the Hongkong Government, will Government state its reasons for limiting it as indicated in (2)?

A.—Does not arise.

(5) Is it not a fact that (a) before September 1939 a scheme had been drawn up by a Committee appointed by Government, which scheme provided for the evacuation inter alia of women and children who are British Subjects?

(b) that the said Committee recommended "selective evacuation" if the available accommodation fell short of requirements and suggested further that a reasonable basis for determining the order of selection would be:

(i) Naval and Naval Volunteer families; (ii) Military, R.A.F. and H.K.V.D.C. families; (iii) Civilian families.

(c) that those to whom the operation of the scheme was entrusted were unequivocally informed that, upon an evacuation, and irrespective of the question of accommodation, the said order of selection or precedence would be observed?

(d) that before September 1939 personnel had been recruited for the purpose of putting the scheme into operation when the occasion arose?

(e) that the said scheme was designed to operate at short notice?

(f) that as regards the recent evacuation there was no question of short notice?

A.—The 1939 scheme was drawn up to meet a contingency which has not yet arisen, and it is considered unnecessary to adopt it in present circumstances. Should the

H. K. S. P. C. A. Hold Their Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was held yesterday at the Supreme Court. The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, president of the Society, was in chair.

The society has suffered a set-back owing to present world conditions, but in spite of these hardships, organisation was being pushed forward.

The annual report states that during the year under review the new Regulations for the prevention of cruelty to animals in relation to Bird Shops had been enacted and had come into force. The Dogs' Home was repaired and reconditioned to shelter dogs and cats brought down by refugees and that needed attention. The activities of the inspectors had been steadily maintained throughout the year, and they continued to receive and investigate complaints of incidents of ill-treatment to animals.

BIG DEFICIT

Under the financial heading, the report says, that during the year the expenditure had exceeded income by nearly \$3,500. The reason for the deficit was a decrease in donations by nearly \$1,000, and because of the many demands made on the Public by reason of the war in Europe and China, the Society decided that it would be inopportune to hold a flag day.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Sir Atholl thanked Mrs. F. H. Loseby, who had served five years as Secretary of the Dogs' Home, for her essential help. He expressed the desire of the Society

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION APPROVED

Moving the first reading, at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday afternoon, of a Bill to authorise the appropriation of a supplementary sum of \$2,484,991.47 to defray the charges of the year 1939 and also to appropriate the sum of \$80,331.25 from the Waterworks Renewals and Improvements Fund in the said year, the Financial Secretary, Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, said:—

I rise to move the first reading of the (1939 Supplementary) Appropriation Bill 1940. Copies of a detailed statement of expenditure and of a Report in the Finances of the Colony for the year 1939 are now before Honourable Members.

The various excesses over the estimated and appropriated sums are explained in the detailed statement of expenditure, and these extra appropriations have all received the approval of the Finance Committee of this Council in the usual way.

VOTES APPROVED

In all, supplementary votes for a total of \$6,584,007 were approved by this Council and the Secretary of State. An analysis of these appears in paragraph 3 of the Financial Report, from which it will be seen that they were due largely to Defence and War expenditure, and to the effect of the Sino-Japanese hostilities which swelled the population of the Colony with refugees, resulting in increased expenditure on charitable services and relief works.

About \$4,000,000 of this total was met by savings on the relevant heads of expenditure, or was ultimately not expended, and savings on other heads have resulted in the actual expenditure for the year exceeding the estimate of \$37,757,223 by \$191,893 only.

This is amply covered by the increase of revenue which exceeded the Estimate by \$5,380,727 against an anticipated deficit of \$1,659,898, the actual revenue being \$41,478,052.

Clause 3 of the Bill provides for additional appropriation from the Waterworks Renewals and Improvements Fund. As members are aware expenditure from this Fund requires legislative sanction.

Hon. Mr. North seconded.

THE WEATHER

Yesterday's temperature was 84 and the minimum 75.

The Royal Observatory's report, issued at 5.40 p.m., stated:—

An area of high pressure covers south Japan and the adjacent seas. A trough of low pressure extends from Tongking to the Caroline Islands.

A depression appears to be forming about 800 miles to the east of Luzon.

The forecast for today is showery.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., July 25.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.81 ins.

Temperature, 79 F.

Humidity, 89 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature: maximum yesterday, 84 F.

Temperature: minimum last night, 75 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, 0.63 ins.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 79.96 ins.

Against an average of 49.81 ins.

Sunset tonight, 7.07 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5.52 a.m.

4 p.m., July 25.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.76 ins.

Temperature, 83 F.

Humidity, 74 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 6.

Maximum temperature, 84 F.

Minimum temperature, 75 F.

Rainfall, nill.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 26 July to 1 Aug. 1940.

	High Water	Low Water			
Day	Date	Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	26		h. m.	h. m.	
			01.55	4.9	3.5
			02.35	5.0	3.6
			03.15	5.1	3.7
Sat.	27		04.25	5.2	3.8
			05.05	5.3	3.9
			05.45	5.4	4.0
Sun.	28		06.25	5.5	4.1
			07.05	5.6	4.2
			07.45	5.7	4.3
Mon.	29		08.25	5.8	4.4
			09.05	5.9	4.5
			09.45	6.0	4.6
Tues.	30		10.25	6.1	4.7
			11.05	6.2	4.8
			11.45	6.3	4.9
			12.25	6.4	5.0
			13.05	6.5	5.1
			13.45	6.6	5.2
			14.25	6.7	5.3
			15.05	6.8	5.4
			15.45	6.9	5.5
			16.25	7.0	5.6
			17.05	7.1	5.7
			17.45	7.2	5.8
			18.25	7.3	5.9
			19.05	7.4	6.0
			19.45	7.5	6.1
			20.25	7.6	6.2
			21.05	7.7	6.3
			21.45	7.8	6.4
			22.25	7.9	6.5
			23.05	8.0	6.6
			23.45	8.1	6.7
			24.25	8.2	6.8
			25.05	8.3	6.9
			25.45	8.4	7.0
			26.25	8.5	7.1
			27.05	8.6	7.2
			27.45	8.7	7.3
			28.25	8.8	7.4
			29.05	8.9	7.5
			29.45	9.0	7.6
			30.25	9.1	7.7
			31.05	9.2	7.8
			31.45	9.3	7.9
			32.25	9.4	8.0
			33.05	9.5	8.1
			33.45	9.6	8.2
			34.25	9.7	8.3
			35.05	9.8	8.4
			35.45	9.9	8.5
			36.25	10.0	8.6
			37.05	10.1	8.7
			37.45	10.2	8.8
			38.25	10.3	8.9
			39.05	10.4	9.0
			39.45	10.5	9.1
			40.25	10.6	9.2
			41.05	10.7	9.3
			41.45	10.8	9.4
			42.25	10.9	9.5
			43.05	11.0	9.6
			43.45	11.1	9.7
			44.25	11.2	9.8
			45.05	11.3	9.9
			45.45	11.4	10.0
			46.25	11.5	10.1
			47.05	11.6	10.2
			47.45	11.7	10.3
			48.25	11.8	10.4
			49.05	11.9	10.5
			49.45	12.0	10.6
			50.25	12.1	10.7
			51.05	12.2	10.8
			51.45	12.3	10.9
			52.25	12.4	11.0
			53.05	12.5	11.1
			53.45	12.6	11.2
			54.25	12.7	11.3
			55.05	12.8	11.4

BOOK-READING PUBLIC OF COLONY FIGHT SHY OFF ALL BOOKS ON WAR

Light Fiction Sells Better Than Anything Else

THE COLONY'S BOOK-READING PUBLIC is fighting shy of all books on the war and on the political situation in Europe. Light fiction sells better than anything else, and some of the old favourites and best-sellers of yesterday are matching strides with the newer books. This was the general report given a Hongkong Daily Press reporter who made a round of the local book stores yesterday.

There is now no favourite lead-ing the field in the way John Gunther's "Inside Asia" was last year, and, indeed, the slump in interest in books on the Far Eastern situation continues unabated.

The best sellers in this "class re-main" Gunther's contribution. Edgar Snow's "Red Star Over China" and Améto Vespa's "Secret Agent of Japan."

Few of the newer books on the East have caught on and the only title that was considered worthy of mention by more than one bookshop was Sven Hedin's "The Wandering Lake." This book can-not be described as political, while the only other one agreed to as at all in demand was Madame Chiang Kai-shek's "China in Peace and War."

WAR AND SOLDIER

"War and Soldier" by Ashihel Hino, a Japanese soldier's part humorous and part pathetic account of why he was "in it all" is stated to be quite in demand, a good many of the purchasers being military people. Vicki Baum's "Nanking Road," a book of fiction, is stated to be also regularly asked for.

Sir Neville Henderson's "Failure or a Mission" leads the field among the newer books on Europe along with Douglas Reed's "Nemesis," Winston Churchill's "Step by Step" and Reed's two earlier books "Disgrace Abounding" and "Insanity Fair" remain favourites; though Gunther's "Inside Europe" has gained a reputa-tion for being out of date.

Harold Nicolson's "Why Britain is at War" remains the favourite among the Penguin Specials, while Penguin's Political Dictionary is stated to have had a good de-mand, now subsiding. Hutchinson's "Pictorial History of the War" and the "History of the War" series by Stephen King-Hall and another by Sir Ronald Storrs find fewer buyers than the excel-lence of the works warrant.

MAPS IN DEMAND

White Books and Blue Books are gathering dust, though maps and atlases, despite the fact that they now get so easily out of date, are yet much in demand. Jane's "Fighting Ships" maintains the popularity that came to the work with the start of the war and the companion volume, "All the World's Aircraft" is also described as a very good seller.

In the fiction class, Christopher Morley's "Kitty Foyle," a saga of the American working girl, fights off all opposition to the title of "most popular" with Hongkong readers from Taylor Caldwell's "The Eagles Gather" and "Dynasty of Death" by the same author. John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" and Vicki Baum's "Nankin-Road," already once mentioned, remain in the first half-dozen.

Last year's authors who have come out with new books continue to receive a good following. Kenneth Roberts' "the Rabble Gathers" is coming in for a just share of interest after his more popular "Northwest Passage" and Margaret Irwin's "The Bride" retains the readers she won with her earlier books.

Steady as ever are the bests of other years. Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind," Rachel Field's "All This and Heaven Too," soon to come out in a movie ver-sion with Charles Boyer and Bette Davis in leading roles, and Mar-jorie Kinnan Rawlings' "The Yearling."

MYSTERY FAVOURITES

Dennis Wheatley and Peter Cheyney lead the detective mystery favourites, with Agatha Christie's "Sad Cypress" a main challenger for first popularity. James Hadley Chase, an author of "Underworld stories" has won a following with such works as "No Orchid for Miss Blandish" and "The Dead Stay Dumb."

Other authors remembered with regularity by the local reading public are A.G. Macdonell and Damon Runyon. Among the newer au-tors.

"Wish I Had Been Up"

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Air battles off the south-east coast were witnessed by a young man just accepted for service in the R.A.F.

He said: "I wish I had been up."

This R.A.F. recruit saw a German fighter, from which the pilot had baled out dive and crash.

He continued: "So thrilling was it that the watchers forgot their own danger from flying bullets and stood peering up into the sky, watching the planes rushing in and out of the clouds.

"There were squadrons of R.A.F. fighters taking part. The deadliness of their fire, when they got within range of the enemy, was seen in the wreckage of a German fighter which fell in a street. Its smashed fuselage was riddled with bullet holes."

RE-SETTLED IN GERMANY

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Between 75,000 and 80,000 Germans from Bessarabia and Northern Bukovina are being resettled in Germany, according to the "Dienst Auf Deutschland."

The paper says that they are the descendants of Germans from East Prussia and Southern Germany who settled there about a century ago.

ANGLO-POLISH AGREEMENT

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — An agreement initialled between the British and Polish Governments reaffirms Anglo-Polish political and military co-operation on a new basis.

The agreement reaffirms the alliance and the necessity to continue the struggle for final victory and forms solid foundations for the establishment of a Polish army in Britain.

NO ONE BADLY INJURED

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — A Ministry of Home Security com-municate says that enemy aircraft yesterday afternoon dropped bombs on a town in south-east England, causing slight damage and a few casualties.

Earlier yesterday some bombs were dropped in a district in south-west Scotland. Little damage was done and no-one was seriously injured.

FULL MILITARY HONOURS

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — The wounded captain of the Italian railway Bartolomeo Colleoni, sunk a few days ago by H.M.S. Sydney, has died on board the British hospital ship Alexandria.

He has been buried with full honours in a British Military Cemetery, British naval officers and ratings being present.

COMMUNICATION REOPENS

CHUNGKING, July 25 (Central) — Following the Chinese recapture of Chenhai, northeast of Ningpo on July 22, telegraphic communica-tion between the town and Shanghai has now been resumed, according to a Shanghai report.

Shipping between Shanghai and the town, however, is still a matter of uncertainty as there are still over 10 Japanese warships patrolling northeast of Chenhai.

A LAUGH ON ADOLF!

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Listeners all over the world chuckled yesterday when Daventry News announced finished reading the news by saying: "Oh, last night Hitler attended a performance of Wagner's opera, 'Twilight of the Gods.' That is the end of the news."

GERMAN CLAIM

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — A German Command communiqué claims that a convoy of five merchant ships totalling 17,000 tons has been sunk by German fighters and another of 4,000 tons was set afire.

GENERAL

MR. MACDONALD AND HITLER'S THREAT

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, speaking at a luncheon in London, after outlining the work of the Health Ministry in connection with air raids declared:

"If I could choose the moment when I would most wish to be alive in the long unending future, I would choose the few days or weeks hence, whenever the time comes, that the enemy strikes with his maximum force against this island."

"Of course, we shall suffer. Maybe for a short time, maybe for a long time, but in time we shall sink their ships, so slay their invaders and so tear their aeroplanes from the sacred sky above our homes that we shall turn the tide of war."

"Hitler claims that he and his regime represent something young and vital, but dictatorship and tyranny represent one of the oldest and most disastrous systems of government. It is we of the British Commonwealth who stand as representatives of the new liberating political forces of mankind."

"Victory will rest not with bragging mimics of the dead past but with pioneers of the future."

NINE NAZIS SHOT DOWN

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — The destruction of eight enemy aircraft has been officially confirmed so far. A series of cou-muniques during the day confirm that enemy bombers were shot down on the southeast coast or Scotland, off the Welsh coast, and near the northwest coast during the night and early morning.

Late yesterday afternoon the Air Ministry announced that five more aircraft were confirmed to have been shot down. The ninth vic-tim so far has not been officially confirmed and was reportedly shot down into the sea off the southeast coast of England in the morning during an unsuccessful attack on a convoy.

HEALTH WORK IN KWACHOW

KWEIYANG, July 25 (Central) — The Kweichow Health Commission is doing its utmost to improve the health conditions in the province.

Health Institutes have been established in 71 hsien, and more are expected to be set up in other districts within a month.

Anti-epidemic work is also being pushed with relentless efforts. Cholera, which has been prevalent in the province for the last two years, is now reduced to a mini-mum.

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PAYMENT OF VOLUNTEERS

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Negotiations are proceeding with repre-sentatives of General De Gaulle as to the rates and emoluments to be fixed for payment of French Volunteers, said Sir Edward Grigg, Joint-Under-Secretary for War, in the House of Commons.

In the meantime advances had been issued to them on a provi-sional scale. Similar negotiations were proceeding with Poland. Advances had been made to the Polish troops and also to the Czechs. With the Norwegians, Dutch, and Belgians, payment of these troops has been undertaken by the Governments concerned at their own rates.

NOTHING KNOWN IN LONDON

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter) — Nothing is known at the Rumanian Legation in London of reports published in Berlin and Rome that the Rumanian Minister in London has been recalled by his Govern-ment, says Reuter's diplomatic cor-respondent.

However, in Rumanian quarters here it is pointed out that it will not be surprising if the Rumanian Government has decided to change its representation in London.

The present Minister, M. Titea, has always been regarded as pro-British and one of those responsible for the British guarantee to Rumania, which Rumania has now denounced.

CHUNGKING NOTIFIED OF VICHY DICTATORSHIP

It was reported that the French Ambassador to China had notified the Chinese government at Chung-king of the establishment of the new dictatorial government in France by Marshal Petain, following the receipt of a similar notification from his home government.

The reports were given pro-minance but no comments were made in regard to the possibility of China's recognition of the new French regime.

The Shun Pao stated that changes which occurred in France during the past few days were the most surprising in modern Euro-pean history. What impressed the paper most was the fact that a freedom-loving people had been transformed into a dictator state it was said.

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PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS STARTS "BIG PUSH" TO THE SOUTH

REPORT OF INLAND REVENUE

A drop from \$1,032,942 to \$39,118 in money out on mortgage of land in Bank Deposits was shown in the Report of the Superintendent of Inland Revenue, tabled in Legislative Council yesterday afternoon. A big slump in Estate Duty was also shown.

Total receipts were \$721,527, compared with \$1,220,854 in the preceding year.

Britons who died leaving estates of under \$200,000 left a total of \$2,298,580, which was slightly in excess of the total in 1938.

Chinese estates under \$200,000 were valued at \$3,768,465, the major portion of which was in immovable property (\$2,148,347).

NEW EDITION OF COLONY ORDINANCES

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Attorney General) moved a resolution for the purpose of adding a Supplementary Schedule to the Law Revision Ordinance, 1939.

The Attorney General also moved the following resolution:

Resolved that the Third Volume of the new edition of the Ordinances of the Colony, which has been prepared under the authority of the Ordinances and Regulations of Hongkong (1937 Edition) Ordinance, 1938, and which has this day been laid before this Council for approval, be approved.

The Attorney General moved a resolution for the purpose of maintaining under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, 1931, the duties and drawbacks hitherto authorized under the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, the Tobacco Ordinance, 1931, and the Hydrocarbon Oils Ordinance, 1939.

BILLS

The Attorney General also moved the first reading of—

"A Bill to amend the Fire and Marine Insurance Companies Deposit Ordinance, 1917."

"A Bill to amend the Life Insurance Companies Ordinance, 1907."

THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were:—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. N. L. Smith, C. M. G. (presiding); His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasst, D.S.O., M.C., Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Acting Colonial Secretary), Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (Attorney-General), Hon. Mr. W. J. Carr (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters (Financial Secretary), Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke (Director of Medical Services), Hon. Commdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (Retd.) (Harbour Master), Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Commissioner of Police), Hon. Mr. H. J. Pearce (Acting Director of Public Works), Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Mr. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., Hon. Dr. Li Shufan, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam and Mr. C. Bramall Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

The Council was adjourned sine die.

SALE OF SOME GOLD PIECES

At the continued hearing of the case in which a commission agent, Abdul Aziz Rumjahn, 37, was charged with the fraudulent conversion of 31 gold coins and 18 silver coins, Mr. M. A. da Silva, for the defence, said that it will be recalled that a man, Chan Lum-sun, was entrusted with some of the coins to take to Chungking for sale. That man, said Mr. Silva, has not yet returned.

Mervanji Palonji Talati, the complainant and owner of the coins, said that in Jan. 1938, he handed a collection of coins to Rumjahn for sale. He received a receipt which stated that the sale was to be made within three days, failing that the coins were to be returned.

Rumjahn, said complainant, said he would sell the coins for \$2,500. On the application of Mr. Silva, the case was adjourned to August 12.

The case was heard by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Mr. W. A. Macinlay appeared for the prosecut-

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS AT CENTRAL

WANTS TO CALL WITNESS

In order that defendant may call a friend to testify to his character, a remand of 24 hours was granted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the case in which Hung Kwong-huen was charged with the possession of a knife in Queen's Road East.

He was stopped by a Chinese detective and the knife was found wrapped up in sheets of paper. Defendant said that he borrowed the knife to cut wood in Aberdeen.

Det. Sgt. J. Bentley appeared for the police.

SALESMAN IN TROUBLE

Charged with the embezzlement of \$104.10 from Thom's Groceria, of No. 27 Des Voeux Road Central, Mak Cheung-hing, 37, unemployed salesman, was remanded 48 hours by Mr. R. Edwards yesterday at the Central Magistracy for further inquiries.

Det. Sub-Ins. Byron prosecuted.

SNATCHED HANDBAG

An unemployed, Fu Lam, 20, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards yesterday at the Central Magistracy on a charge of snatching a handbag from an unknown Chinese female in Old Bailey Street on July 23.

He was found guilty and was sentenced to be expelled from the Colony for five years.

Det. Sub-Ins. Byron prosecuted.

HUNGRY FOR DAYS

A 40-year-old unemployed, Tong Lee, was ordered to sign a personal bond to be of good behaviour for one year when he appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with the theft of a bottle of milk from the staircase of No. 8E Babington Path.

Defendant stated that he had not had food for a few days and was very hungry. He said that he was a broom seller until his stock-in-trade was stolen.

NO EVIDENCE OF EMBEZZLEMENT

On the submission of Mr. E. S. Brooks, for the defence, that there was no evidence on the embezzlement charge, Chan Ping-tong, 36, motor-mechanic, was found not guilty on 12 counts of embezzlement of money totalling \$49 from Tsing Kwai-tang, proprietress of the Man Lee garage.

On a second charge of larceny of motor accessories defendant also pleaded not guilty.

Evidence was given by the son of complainant that, after instructions from his mother, he issued a check and found the motor accessories missing.

Defendant, giving evidence, said that he was employed by the Man Lee Garage as manager. He denied stealing tools from the cars.

The case was then adjourned to July 27 at 11 a.m.

AT KOWLOON

ROBBED AMERICAN YOUTH

Pleading guilty to the larceny of a wrist watch from an American youth, Chester Lindt, at King's Park near the Recreation Football Ground on July 2, three Chinese, stated to have been formerly employed as cookboys, were sentenced each to six months hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Convicted were Leung Cheung,

20, Lai Chi, 24, and Shui Kim-hung, 19. Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, prosecuting, said that on July 2, complainant and another boy named Alberto Lazzaro, were cycling in King's Park when they noticed a child by the side of the road, crying.

Three men then came down from the hillside and one of them, the third defendant, gripped the handlebars of Lindt's cycle. Second defendant, one of the other two, also took hold of the bicycle, while first defendant caught hold of Lindt's wrist.

They asked the two youths why they had made the child cry and first defendant then attempted to

GENERAL

TWO WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

Two weddings took place at the Supreme Court yesterday. Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiating.

The parties were:—

Mr. Lie Lien-sing, merchant, residing at No. 23, Stone Nullah Lane, and Miss Shu Mu, of No. 7, Tai Wo Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Yuen Kwok-ching, residing at No. 5, Tung Fong Street, and Miss Koo Kam-fong, of No. 206, Fa Yuen Street.

Mr. J. V. Braga, Assistant Secretary of China Light and Power, Ltd., and Miss L. W. Ashton, medical student, of Edinburgh.

Private A. E. Wickins, of Middlesex Regiment, and Miss Chan Lai, residing at No. 89, Reclamation Street.

take off the wrist watch from Lindt.

The American youth resisted, whereupon the first defendant produced from his pocket a knife and inserted it under the leather strap. Lindt did not struggle any more, and the watch was cut off his wrist.

The three men ran away and were later met again. The watch was pawned for \$14, and each of the three men took \$5.50, the balance of the money being spent on a meal. They were arrested later on information.

UNFASTERISED MILK

Summoned before Mr. Q.A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday for selling unpasteurised milk, Tsang Wing-fuk, 36, owner of No. 8 Cattle Shed, Diamond Hill, Kowloon City, was fined \$50. Sanitary Inspector H.L. Lockhart prosecuted.

The summons against Lee Shu-jung, 33, master of the Yuen Yuen Dairy, No. 108, Prince Edward Road, was remanded for hearing to next Monday at 2.30 p.m. Defendant is summoned for sale of unpasteurised milk at his premises.

THE ORACLE FAILED

Hearing of the case against Lau On, 32, charged with having obtained sums of money and gold coins to a total of \$300 from Leung Wah-hoi, a married woman, by representing that he could appear a certain spirit on her behalf, was fixed by Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon Court yesterday for the afternoon of Wednesday, July 31. Mr. C. D'Almada will appear for defendant.

STABBED IN STOMACH WITH SCISSORS

Pleading guilty to having stabbed a colleague of his, Tam Kwal, in the stomach with a pair of scissors while in a fit of depression, Li Kau, 40, roki in a firewood business, received sentence of six months hard labour when he appeared at Kowloon Court yesterday before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, prosecuting, said that on the morning of July 3, complainant, with defendant and three other men, two of them being roki from another firewood shop, were congregated in a woodshop in Battery Street, to the rear of the Kunchung Market, conversing about the bad state of the firewood business.

Eventually the two roki left, leaving Tam alone in the shop with defendant and the other man, Ho Cheung. As Ho turned his back on Tam, and defendant to reach his jacket, he heard complainant utter a cry of "Save Life!" and turned round to see defendant holding a pair of scissors in his hand and complainant with his hand to his stomach.

He took complainant outside the shop, and having seated him returned and tackled defendant. One of the other two roki, returning to the scene on hearing Tam's call for help, aided him in disarming defendant, who held not only a pair of scissors, but also a chopper.

No motive for the attack could be established other than that earlier in the day complainant had refused defendant a loan of 20 cents. The firewood business had since gone bankrupt.

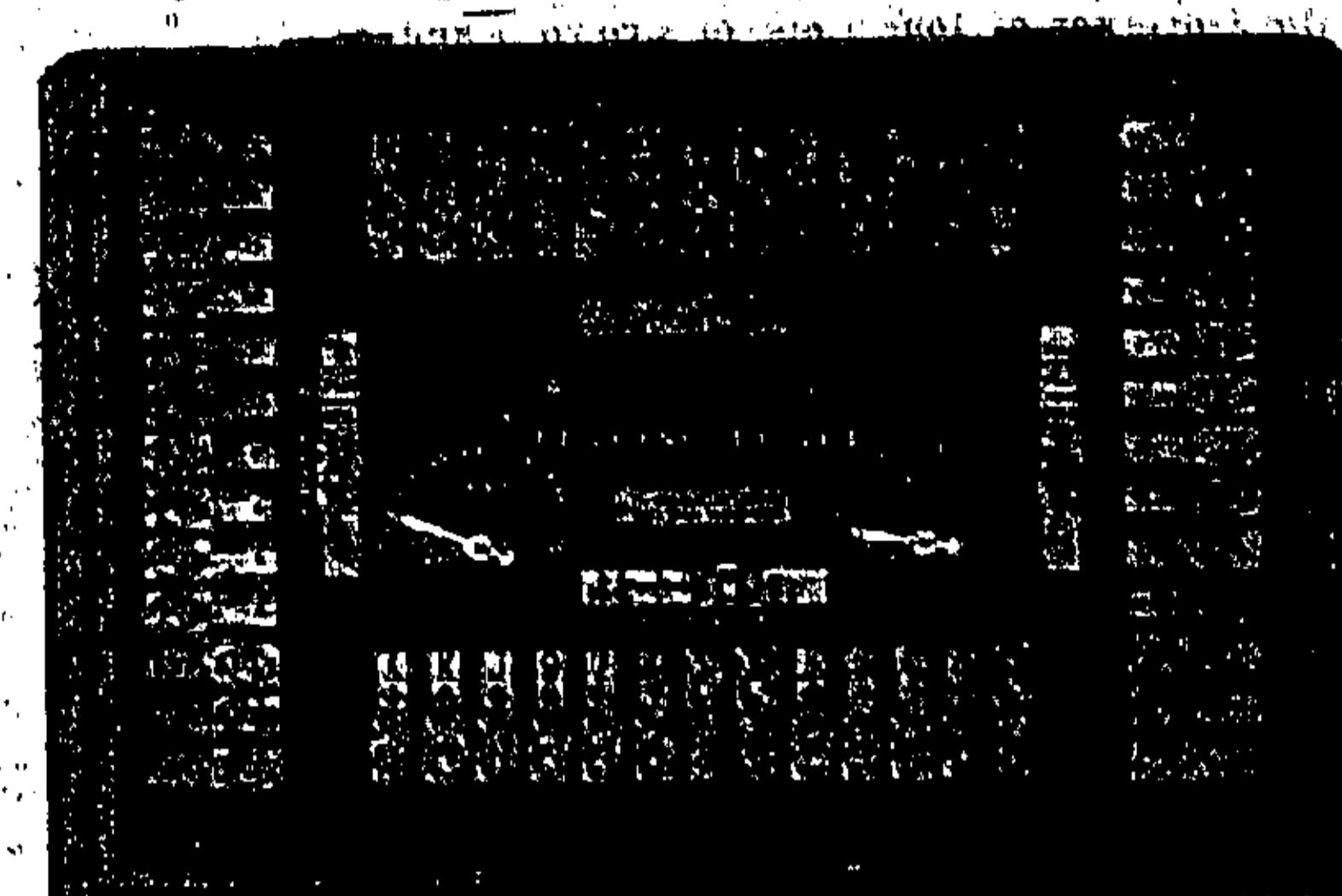
In passing sentence on defendant, Mr. Macfadyen awarded complainant \$10 from the Poor Box. Tam suffered several wounds in his struggle with defendant; his left hand being badly cut.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of July, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of four Lots of Crown Land at Kam Tsin, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised Officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements		Contents in square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.			
1	Sheung Shui Inland Lot No. 9.	Kam Tsin.	As per sale plan	ft. ft. ft. ft.	About 21,780	100	\$71
2	" 10.	"	"	"	37,500	172	1,504
3	" 11.	"	"	"	138,000	638	5,557
4	" 12.	"	"	"	201,45	926	8,059

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By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd July, 1940.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements	Contents in square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3820.	Junction of Poi Ho Street and Tai Po Road.	Shamshui Po.	As per sale plan.	About 3,750	\$8	\$375.

H.K. MUSEUM COLLECTION

Keeping in step with most of the big cities elsewhere Hongkong is to build a shelter for the safe-keeping of its valuable museum collection. They will be kept in an underground concrete shelter which is to be built at North Point. Hongkong's museum collection includes the famous Chater collection of pictures which are of great historic value.

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Government Under Fire

THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT faced determined opposition yesterday from the Unofficial members of the Legislative and Finance Committee when the subject of the compulsory evacuation was brought up for consideration in connection with a series of questions which had been put to the authorities and later again when a supplementary "Token Vote" for \$10,000 for meeting expenses of the evacuation of women and children was vigorously opposed. We have in these columns consistently taken up the case against the bungling methods which the Government adopted in connection with this evacuation scheme and have repeatedly pointed out the serious effect it was having on the normal economic life of the Colony. We also claim to have been the first to expose the deplorable conditions under which the supervision of the evacuated women and children from Hongkong was being carried out by the local Government's representatives. On this latter point, however, we studiously refrained from criticising the Government in the hope that an opportunity would have been taken at yesterday's meeting of the Council to make a full and frank statement of Government policy in answer to the charges which had been levelled at the authorities.

THE GOVERNMENT, however, failed to try and regain the confidence of the people. A statement was, it is true, made, soon after most terse replies had been tabled to the questions asked by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada. As a statement of the Government's views and its anxiety to protect the welfare of the people of this Colony it fell short of any value. In fact it was merely evasive and tended to thrust the entire responsibility for the muddled situation on the shoulders of the Home Government—or, to be more exact, the British War Cabinet. Up to this stage, yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council moved along its usual official groove, despite the great public interest which had been aroused. The opposition of the unofficial, as representing the opinions of the public in the Colony, was, however, clearly demonstrated at the Finance Committee meeting when the Government spokesman, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, was made to realise the full weight of public feeling and indignation over the evacuation.

THE UNOFFICIAL members made it quite clear to the Government that they were not prepared to be made "accessories to the fact" of the Government's bungling. The Government spokesman was disconcerted over this attitude and eventually succeeded in having the debate continued in "private session." In the meantime, however, several interesting facts had emerged. The first was that the evacuation order was in the light of the present public stand. A frank statement, even now, admitting their error and an attempt to alleviate the present most unsatisfactory position will be preferable and received with more confidence than the continuation of a most palpable blunder.

Regarding a vote of \$21,289 for Fisheries Research Station, the Financial Secretary said that the proposal to erect a building had been held in abeyance and, although in the present circumstances it did not appear likely that the grant of \$160,000 from the Colonial Development Fund would be forthcoming in the near future, it was considered desirable that the work of the station should be carried on by a nucleus staff from the University.

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EDITORIAL

NOTICE TO EVACUEES

On July 20, notices were sent to certain women and children advising them to prepare for evacuation direct to Australia on or about July 28. It is now announced that the ship will not sail before August 3. Further detailed instructions will be sent out in due course.

CORRESPONDENCE

LOSS OF TRADE & EVACUATION

To the Editor, H.K. Daily Press.
Sir,—Your correspondent "Exasperated" in your issue of July 22 has made it quite clear that the War Revenue Tax Department will not be able to collect sufficiently to pay for the employment of a number of examiners, experts and accountants in the field of Income Tax from England.

The Commissioner of War Tax will be surprised to find if he makes a round of all Factories, Public Utility Companies, Department stores, European stores, Commercial firms, professional men, Stockbroking firms and other business concerns that they are facing disaster and therefore the prospects for profits are absolutely nil for 1940/41.

Instead of a scorched earth policy on the remote possibility of trouble, we are pursuing a worse line of destructive action after progress of a century.

Yours, etc.

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HEALTH RETURNS

Twenty-one cases of tuberculosis, two of enteric fever, two of dysentery and one each of small-pox, diphtheria and cerebro-spinal fever were reported to the Health Authorities for the 24 hours ended at midnight on July 24.

no immediate urgency for the evacuation measure being rushed through as it was and that, therefore, the Government must be held entirely responsible for the confusion and chaos created in Hongkong and the hardships and misery imposed on the people. The next matter of importance which emerged from the discussion was the confirmation by unofficial members of the Council of the charges of racial discrimination against representatives of the Hongkong Government sent to Manila to look after the comforts of the evacuees. The unofficial member who addressed the meeting made his assertions on the basis of documents in his possession and on the statements of people whose veracity he said, be had no reason to doubt. The Government was asked for an assurance that a full investigation into these charges would be made.

THE GOVERNMENT reply to this was, we presume, given in the "private session" which followed and, official secrecy being what it is in Hongkong, the public will probably never be given the opportunity of receiving this satisfaction to their outraged feelings. What, however, must give them cause for some satisfaction is that the whole proceedings in Council yesterday proved that the Government has placed itself in a most embarrassing position. The fact that the orders for the evacuation came from the War Cabinet cannot excuse the Government's mishandling of the entire operation. It will be interesting to see what extent the authorities now propose to proceed with their further plans for evacuation in the light of the present state of affairs.

It will be interesting to see what extent the authorities now propose to proceed with their further plans for evacuation in the light of the present state of nerves when we arrived here only after three days. Some of the people on the boat were housed like cattle—right down in the steerage.

"Why send us to Australia when there are all those women and children left in Hongkong?"

FURTHER EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS WRITTEN BY H.K.'S "DEPORTED" WIVES

THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS YESTERDAY PURSUED ITS INQUIRIES INTO THE VARIOUS COMPLAINTS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY HUSBANDS IN HONGKONG FROM THEIR EVACUATED FAMILIES IN MANILA.

Several of those interviewed by a representative of this paper were willing to submit extracts from letters received for publication in furthering the efforts made in these columns to convince the Government of the terrible conditions to which their families have been subjected during their "deportation," as the Government scheme was so aptly described by an unofficial member of the Legislative Council yesterday.

It will be comforting to some of those husbands who have been distracted over the letters they have received from their wives to know that, according to an official statement made yesterday, women and children with no "pure British" qualifications, who appear to have been "inadvertently" evacuated with the rest of the women and children, are to be given the option of returning to the Colony.

The following are extracts from letters which have been submitted for publication:

FAR WORSE THAN WANCHAI

The following are extracts from two letters received by a husband from his wife in Manila, dated July 10 and 16.

This gentleman states that his wife was not the type to complain unless things were really unbearable. He added that, knowing his wife as he did, the letters received must have been very restrained.

There are no baths here and last night I had a shower in a public room with three other women. I hate it. I don't think had one yet and quite a few people won't.

"A lot of people were sent to Baguio today. I wanted to go, but they would not send people with small children. Today we were told we were going to the Hotel in the City, a very old part of Manila."

"WELL, A LOT OF FILIPINOS TOLD ME THAT IT WAS A VERY BAD PART OF THE TOWN, NOT FIT FOR WHITE WOMEN TO LIVE IN. We were taken to the City in Army trucks. We were jolted along for about an hour and we finally arrived. It was ghastly, right in the natives quarter. No Europeans at all. Very narrow streets and closely packed houses.

"It was far worse than living in the heart of Wanchai. I was simply horrified. We were dumped there with our luggage, and I finally learned that we just had to grab the best accommodation that we could.

"The room I got was about half the size of our one at home.

"There were six beds in it and only one very small narrow window. No bathrooms, the lavatories were out in the back somewhere. There was no air anywhere. Everyone was terribly worked up and one or two had hysterics.

"I decided I could not possibly stay there with S.—(a five-months old baby) so I took a taxi and left."

"I have found accommodation with—I am afraid it is going to be very expensive, but I knew you would want me to move." NO CHAIRS TO SIT ON

"Honestly dear you cannot imagine what it is like unless you see it. We are quartered in a Preparatory School building and there were originally 168 camp beds on our floor. We have no chairs to sit on and if we want to sit down we have to sit on our beds.

"We are called by bugle band at 6 a.m. and have our last meal for the day at 5.30 p.m. At 9.30 p.m. our lights are put out.

"Now that the main party of evacuees have left, there are only about 400 of us left here.... NOW THAT THE OTHERS HAVE LEFT OUR FOOD RATIONS ARE GETTING SMALLER AND SMALLER. This morning at breakfast I had a small fried egg on a piece of dry toast and about three prunes. We cannot get a second helping of anything."

"Tonight we were dished out with about a dessert spoon of minced beef on a piece of toast, a small piece of cake, about an inch square and an apple, and that has to last us till 7.30 a.m. when we are called again.

"I hear that many of the people who were moved into Manila on Monday objected to the place they were put in. Women and children sleeping in the basement of an old Filipino hotel."

"I BELIEVE B AND S'S AGENTS HERE WENT AND INSPECTED THE PREMISES AND IMMEDIATELY REMOVED THEIR STAFF'S WIVES TO OTHER PLACES."

"Why on earth should we be treated like this? Can't somebody do something about it?"

"NO PRIVACY

"Really we are not making a fuss over nothing. We have tried to keep cheerful as much as possible but it seems we are being treated like undesirables...."

"Do you know in the lavatory there was just a row with no privacy....."

"If they want us to travel to Australia under the same conditions as we travelled from Hongkong to Manila we just couldn't do it. WE SHOULD ALL GO RAVING MAD."

"We were all in a bad enough state of nerves when we arrived here only after three days. Some of the people on the boat were housed like cattle—right down in the steerage.

"Why send us to Australia when there are all those women and children left in Hongkong?"

"I am sorry to have to mean

COLONY'S CREDIT BALANCE

A record surplus of the Colony's credit balance of \$17,091,170 was revealed in the Financial Report for 1939 which was tabled in Legislative Council yesterday. Most of the main sources of revenue showed substantial increases.

The Estimates provided for a deficit of \$1,650,898. Actual revenue exceeded the estimates by \$3,380,727, and the surplus at the end of the year brought the Colony's credit balance to the record total of \$17,091,170.

The special activity in trade, due to the diversion of a much increased proportion of China's trade to Hongkong, continued throughout the year and the increase of the Colony's population owing to the influx of refugees was maintained.

Official Statement

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As regards the allegation of racial discrimination in the War Cabinet's explicit instruction, it had always been held, in the original 1939 evacuation scheme, that special treatment would be necessary for persons with no real domicile in Asia and it had been hoped that India, Macao, Indo-China and China itself would be the natural destination for all others.

Circumstances in recent months have greatly altered in this latter respect, but I can assure this Council that should further evacuation be ordered the fullest consideration already effected will clearly facilitate such supplementary action.

I should perhaps make it clear that the secret print of the so-called 1939 Evacuation Scheme was in the hands of the Secretary of State for the Colonies many months ago and was no doubt fully considered by His Majesty's Government before the present decision was reached.

As the Honourable Colonial Secretary has said, that scheme contemplated a much more urgent emergency than now exists; and moreover the recommendation included in that scheme to the effect that priority should be given to the families

CHINA WILL ENTERTAIN NO PEACE OVERTURES

Rumours Of Discussion Flatly Denied

RUMOURS THAT THE STANDING COMMITTEE of the National Defence Commission decided, at a meeting held on July 22, to summon all military and Party leaders to a meeting on August 1 for the purpose of discussing "Chungking's choice between further resistance or peace" were flatly denied by well-informed quarters in Chungking, states a Reuter message.

America And The War

HEARST SAYS ENTRY INEVITABLE

NEW YORK, July 25 (Reuter)—Mr. William R. Hearst, the well-known American newspaper proprietor, writing in his chain of papers yesterday, said:

"The entry of the United States into the war may be considered more than a probability. In fact, it may be set down as a certainty."

"The attitude of the United States towards England is entirely analogous to that of Italy towards Germany before Italy entered the war."

"At the present time, the United States can give more effective aid to England by staying out of the war than by entering, but within a year she will be in a position to join the British Empire in effective warfare and will doubtless do so."

What Is H.K. Doing

QUESTION IN COMMONS

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter)—Sir Stanley Reed, in the House of Commons, asked the Minister of Information what were the functions of the Ministry's Far Eastern Bureau and in what respect these differed from those already performed by the Governor, Ambassador and their staffs, including in some cases, special publicity officers already stationed in Singapore, Hongkong, Tokyo and other Far Eastern centres.

Mr. Duff Cooper declared the chief functions of the Bureau which shared offices with the Hongkong Department of Information, were to co-ordinate the activities of all Far Eastern posts and as the enemy spreads propaganda to counter propaganda, broadcasting, films, etc.

It is also arranged for local production of suitable materials and its distribution in the East.

LORRIES AND GUNS CAPTURED

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter)—A communiqué reports further enemy losses of lorries and guns near Fort Capuzzo in Libya and continues:

"In Somaliland active patrolling by motorised detachments and the Somaliland Camel Corps continues. Many Italian frontier posts have now been successfully raided and identifications and information obtained. On the other fronts there is nothing to report."

Enemy M.T.B.'s In Channel

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter)—An Admiralty communiqué states that a German auxiliary vessel with a naval escort was located in the eastern part of the North Sea last night.

In the early hours of this morning, this force was attacked with torpedoes by Swordfish aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm.

One German naval unit, an escort vessel of the Koenigslinie type, was hit by a torpedo.

All our aircraft returned.

A second Admiralty communiqué states that in the course of patrol in the English Channel in the early hours of this morning, one of our motor torpedo boats sighted and engaged six enemy motor torpedo boats. The enemy made off at high speed and escaped in the darkness.

One enemy boat had its searchlight put out of action. It is thought that casualties were inflicted in another.

Our motor boat received no damage or casualties.

NO MORE "HARD" PAYMENTS

CANBERRA, July 25 (Reuter)—China has now been removed from the list of countries from which payment in "hard" currency for Australian exports is required.

All Australian goods consigned to China, south of and including Tientsin, and also those consigned to Hongkong, may now accordingly be paid for in sterling.

It is pointed out that there was never need for discussion on this topic.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at recent meetings and finally in statements issued following the closure of the Burma Road and the Yunnan Railway stated plainly and definitely that China would not consider peace offers and would continue the war of resistance whatever developments might take place in the international situation.

Chinese quarters further state that no peace offers have yet been presented by either Japan or Britain.

No peace proposals were ever presented by Britain either through the Chinese Embassy in London or through the British Diplomatic Mission in Chungking.

There have been, of course, alleged "peace proposals" produced from time to time from irresponsible quarters, ever since the Sino-Japanese hostilities commenced three years ago, but the Chinese Government never treated such proposals seriously hence they never discussed them.

ONLY EXCEPTION

The only exception was the proposals advanced by Dr. Trautmann, former German Ambassador to China, before the fall of Nanking which conversation, however, never progressed beyond the preliminary stage and which broke down completely before there were any normal negotiations.

Not only have later proposals never had any substantial backing but the Chinese authorities dismissed such proposals immediately because they were confident that the Japanese were never sincere and were merely trying to bring about internal dissension among the Chinese.

CONFIDENCE AND STRENGTH

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter)—Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the Overseas League in London yesterday that the "lion does not merely go out to defend its young—the cubs come home with great strength to defend their parent."

Continuing, Mr. Alexander said that Hitler, after some hesitation, had made a species of the kind expected of him. Lord Halifax had answered him.

It was clear that the answer of the British people and the Dominions and the Colonies was to prepare more insistently than ever to secure victory.

"At the present moment there is no doubt that, despite all the threats hurled against us, we can face the future not in any spirit of boasting, but with a greater confidence than many of us could have thought possible a few months ago," concluded Mr. Alexander.

SOONER SCHEME IS ABOLISHED

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exile for an absolutely indefinite period, which may possibly not terminate until both the European War and the Sino-Japanese hostilities have come to an end.

LACK WEIGHT

I am aware of the so-called "clear the decks for action" argument, but that seems to me to lack weight, in view of the sheer impossibility of evacuating the hundreds of thousands of Chinese women and children who live in our midst. Any comparison with fortresses, pure and simple, like Gibraltar or Malta, must, therefore, be fallacious.

The deportation of women from the Colony, against their will, is entirely contrary to those principles of freedom and justice for which we are fighting in Europe, in our struggle against Nazi Germany.

The sooner compulsory evacuation, which has already caused widespread misery and unemployment, is abolished, the better.

MALTA RAIDS

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter)—There were two air raids on Malta early yesterday morning. Several bombs were dropped but the damage was only slight and there were no casualties.

HEAVIER TAXATION TO MEET DEMANDS OF WAR URGED BY PRESS

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter)—The demand that taxation must be heavier to meet the demands of war was again the main topic of the morning papers.

The Times says the more closely the Budget statement is examined the plainer it becomes that any serious attempt to grapple with the financial difficulties of the war have been postponed for the second time.

It was high time to make an end of interim budgets with all their consequent unrest and uncertainty. They are the outcome of timidity which is afraid to trust the capacity of the nation for self-sacrifice. It is wholly misplaced timidity, for the nation, while impatient of waste, is ready to respond to a bold, imaginative leadership in the field of finance as in every other field of war.

The DAILY TELEGRAPH states that the direct taxpayers had expected and would cheerfully have borne a higher increase than a shilling on the income tax.

Everyone understands that victory cannot be achieved without sacrifice and no one wants to shirk his due share.

The DAILY EXPRESS describes the public demand for heavier taxation as "proof that the people of this country are ready for any sacrifices, however drastic, which the Government asks."

The DAILY HERALD says the country hoped that the Government would already be planning to avoid such economic evils as followed the last war and "so we suggest to Sir Kingsley Wood that he should give us the next time a truly bold, thorough scheme of war finance."

Bombed Over 1,000 Times In 90 Days

R.A.F. RAIDS ON GERMANY

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter)—R. A. F. has bombed Germany and German-occupied countries over a thousand times within the past three months, writes Reuter's Air correspondent.

Since the invasion of the Low Countries, the Air Force has struck night and day at important military and industrial objectives. These have not been isolated raids by a single plane, but large scale operations.

The R. A. F. has persistently endeavoured and, to a great extent succeeded, in breaking down the scheme which Germany hoped would culminate in devastating attacks on Britain.

Air Force offensives have been accelerated since the surrender of France, and in exactly a month, 517 thrusts were directed at the enemy's main military and industrial centres, including 86 raids on the German Navy.

Aircraft Works Attacked

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter)—An Air Ministry communiqué states that aircraft factories at Gotha, Kassel and Wenzendorf, oil depots at Hamburg and Wessendorf, railway communications, goods yards, anti-aircraft batteries, searchlights and 12 aerodromes were among the objectives in Holland and Germany attacked last night by aircraft of the Bomber Command.

An enemy fighter which attempted to attack one of our bombers was shot down. One of our aircraft is missing.

ENEMY FLYING BOAT SHOT DOWN

Coastal Command aircraft, besides carrying out their usual patrol and escort duties, attacked oil tanks in Dunkirk harbour yesterday afternoon and shot down an enemy flying boat off the north-east coast of Scotland yesterday evening. They also attacked oil tanks of Flushing and docks at Amsterdam during the night.

A total of eight enemy aircraft has been shot down by our fighters and anti-aircraft guns during the day. Two of our fighters were lost.

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AMMUNITION DUMP RAID IN BARDIA

CARIO, July 25 (Reuter)—An R. A. F. communiqué states:

"A successful raid was carried out yesterday on a large ammunition dump in south Bardia. Several direct hits were scored and part of the dump was completely blown away.

"Gladiator fighters, covering the bombers' operations, met a large formation of enemy planes of 42 fighters.

"In the ensuing battle, four enemy machines were definitely shot down. One of our fighters is missing."

"RAF raid on Macassar resulted in a direct hit on the Alia Littoria hangar and considerable damage was done to two other hangars. All our machines returned safely."

"In the case of the shipment to Spain, it was declared, the official reason was that the quantities were too large for Spain's normal consumption."

Chairman Admits Mistake

GIVING NEWS TO THE PRESS

SHANGHAI, July 25 (Reuter)—Describing his actions as arbitrary, Mr. Okamoto and Mr. Hanawa Japanese Municipal Councillors, during Wednesday's meeting of the Municipal Council demanded an explanation from Mr. W. J. Keswick, chairman, of his request for a convocation of the Consular Body to study measures to prevent terrorism in the Settlement, the Japanese Press here reports.

Criticism had been advanced in this respect and today Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, declared that it was never in the mind of the Government to exclude a review in the case of pre-rogative of mercy.

DEATH SENTENCE

In cases of capital or lesser sentences, everyone had the right to appeal to the clemency of the Crown and in the case of death sentence, before it could be carried out, a review was made by the Home Secretary as a matter of course irrespective of any appeal.

He suggested that insertion of the amendments on the report stage would go a long way to meet misgivings.

Sir John added that he was quite willing to propose insertion of words to make it quite clear that provision must be made by regulation for securing that no death sentence shall be carried out until the question of reprieve has been duly considered.

THIRD READING

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter)—The Emergency Powers Bill was read a third time yesterday in the House of Commons without a division.

URGED TO MAKE PROGRESS

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter)—After a considerable debate the Attorney General appealed to the House to make progress with the Bill and said: "We want the Bill to pass through the House tonight. It is impossible to get the form of words this evening to meet the desire expressed, but the Home Secretary will be prepared to consider whether the form of words could be inserted in the Bill." Lords" (Cries of no).

The Attorney General said acceptance of Mr. Harvey's amendment might be taken as indication that in the opinion of the Government a review ought to operate over every case. So long as it is clear this is not demanded, I am prepared to accept the amendment. The amendment was agreed to.

JOB FOR EGYPTIANS

CAIRO, July 25 (Reuter)—The newspaper, Almokattam, reports that the Suez Canal Company has requested the Egyptian Government to nominate 200 Egyptians to occupy posts vacant through the dismissal of enemy nationals.

If the above report is accurate it is thought by those in close touch with the Canal Company's affairs that the dismissals referred to would involve a number of Italians officials occupying minor posts.

NAZIS LEAVING LITHUANIA

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter)—It is learnt that 30,000 Germans living in Lithuania are returning to Germany, when the new political order has been introduced into the Baltic States and the harvest completed.

NO ULTIMATUM BY RUSSIA

LONDON, July 25 (Reuter)—Reports that Russia had presented an ultimatum to Finland, demanding the demobilisation of the Finnish Army were officially denied in Helsinki.

U.S. Place Embargo On Fuel

To Germany

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Reuter)

"Virtual embargo" has been placed on fuel or lubricants supplies reaching Germany and Italy through an intermediary, it is learnt from an authoritative federal source.

The statement followed the announcement by the Maritime Commission that it had a few days ago halted the sailing of two United States tankers laden with 200,000 barrels of oil, bound for Spain from a port in Texas.

An official explained, that the action was taken because the Commission thought it dangerous to allow American ships to go so near belligerent activity.

NOT ASKED

The official added that the Commission had adopted this general policy, without being asked to do so by the White House or State Department.

Foreign tankers, he added, were not affected.

Another authoritative source stated that the embargo was directed against potential go-betweens for the Axis Powers or Japan, and it is being applied under the recent Presidential proclamation, authorising the Treasury Department to impose shipping controls.

In the case of the shipment to Spain, it was declared, the official reason was that the quantities were too large for Spain's normal consumption.

Pan-American Conference Results

A correspondent of the New York Times, reviewing the results of the Pan-American Conference so far, states that from a fog of generalities and daily communiques a vague outline of the final results of the conference is beginning to be discernible, says Reuter.

The correspondent says the economic cartel is definitely "out" and the mandate for trusteeship of European possessions has so far had little encouragement and will most possibly end up in some abstract formula, while the economic action will, at best, be recommended for consideration at some later meetings.

SIX RESOLUTIONS

What had been accomplished so far was embodied in the drafts of six resolutions, five of which were introduced by the United States. The American draft concerns basis for economic co-operation, anti-fascist column, measures, trusteeship of the European possession in the western hemisphere, inter-American convention against forcible changes of their sovereignty and the status of diplomatic agents from non-American nations.

The sixth resolution by Bolivia suggests the construction between ocean and railway, linking Santos and Brazil with Africa and Chile, through Bolivia.

PRIZE COURT SITTING

FIRST SESSION SINCE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR

For the first time in Hongkong, since the declaration of war, a Prize Court was in session yesterday. His Honour Sir Athol MacGregor sat as Judge.

Mr. T. J

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

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If there is anything you want to buy or sell, try a small Classified advertisement in the Hong Kong Daily Press.

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BOTANIC GARDENS' WAR WORK

The Singapore Botanic Gardens are playing a very practical part in Malaya's "more home-grown food" campaign. A spot of lawn, that would otherwise have produced only flowers and grass, has been turned into a self-contained experimental station cum show room for a large variety of vegetables.

On the outbreak of war, 26 beds for vegetable culture were opened on the lawn mentioned, and all vegetables grown were labelled, while a notice board close by had particulars of propagation and other information.

Vegetables and notice board attracted considerable public interest, reports Mr. R. E. Holtum, Director of Gardens, S.S., and many requests for further information were received.

SHORT PAPERS

In connexion with this work, a number of short papers on local vegetables and their cultivation were prepared by officers of the Gardens Department, for the M.A.H.A. magazine with the co-operation of the Agricultural Officer, Singapore.

Besides these vegetable plots in the Botanic Gardens, the Gardens Department carried out similar work in Government House domain where a vegetable garden was opened in addition to the former nursery accommodation for this purpose.

In the 38 beds were grown long beans, french beans, sweet potato, radishes, cauliflower, lobak, maize, brinjals, lettuces, artichokes, lady fingers, amaranthus, and Chinese cabbage.

Another vegetable garden was also made, at the outbreak of war, in the grounds of the Colonial Secretary's house.

When reminded by the magistrate that the documents were in his own handwriting, Ham said that he had written the pamphlets out while practising writing Chinese characters.

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CORVETTES FROM CANADA

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HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE STOCK-BROKERS' ASSOCIATION

			THURSDAY 25 JULY.					
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	
\$1186	H.K. Banks	...	...	\$1185	
...	...	288	...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	288	...	
...	...	288	...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	288	...	
...	...	28	...	Chartered Banks	...	28	...	
...	...	211	...	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	211	...	
...	...	211	...	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	211	...	
...	...	773	...	Bank of East Asia	...	773	...	
...	50 ct.	N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	50 ct.	
...	Insurances	...	...	...
...	...	218	...	Canton Insurances	...	218	...	
...	Union Insurances	...	...	...
...	Underwriters	...	...	...
...	H.K. First Shipping	...	...	...
...	Douglas	...	...	...
...	Steamboats	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Prof.)	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	...
...	Shells	...	...	...
...	Waterboats	...	...	...
...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns etc.	...	...	...
...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...
...	Provident	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...
...	+ Shanghai Docks Mining	...	...	...
...	Kailans	...	...	...
...	Raubs	...	...	...
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...
...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings	...	...	...
...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...
...	H.K. Lands	...	...	...
...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realities	...	...	...
...	Humphreys	...	...	...
...	Chinese Estates Cotton Mills	...	...	...
...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	...
...	S'hai Cotton (S.)	...	...	...
...	Zoeng Sing (S.)	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...
...	Public Utilities	...	...	...
...	H.K. Tramways	...	...	...
...	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	...
...	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	...
...	Star Ferries	...	...	...
...	V'mati Ferries	...	...	...
...	China Lights (O.)	...	...	...
...	China Lights (New)	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric (New)	...	...	...
...	Macao Electrics (Old)	...	...	...
...	Macao Electrics (New)	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...
...	Telephones (old)	...	...	...
...	Telephones (new)	...	...	...
...	S'pore Tractions (Ord.)	...	...	...
...	Industrials	...	...	...
...	Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.	...	...	...
...	Cald. Macg. (Prof.) S.	...	...	...
...	Canton Ice	...	...	...
...	60 cts.	...	...	...
...	Cements	...	...	...
...	H.K. Ropes	...	...	...
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...
...	6% Loan	...	...	...
...	31% " (1934)	...	...	...
...	31% " (1940)	...	...	...
...	Miscellaneous	...	...	...
...	Dairy Farms	...	...	...
...	Entertainments	...	...	...
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	...
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawfords	...	...	...
...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...
...	Sinceres	...	...	...
...	Watsons	...	...	...
...	Ch. G.5% 1925G\$Bds.	...	...	...
...	I.I.K. Wing On	...	...	...
...	S'hai Wing On	...	...	...
...	Vibro Piling	...	...	...
...	Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	...	...	...
...	Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	...
...	Wm. Powell	...	...	...
...	+ Sale to Shanghai	...	...	...

MARKET REPORT

FROM ROZA BROS.

The price for Ready Silver dropped 1/16 yesterday to 223/8 but the Forward rate was unchanged at 221/16. Silver advised the market as being quiet and featureless. American Silver was quoted at 343/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 4021/2. New York/London was quoted at 388. 1/2.

MARKET

Quite.

STERLING

In Sterling no business was reported. The market closed with sellers at 1/231/32 July/August, buyers at 1/3 for Cash.

U.S. DOLLARS

Nothing doing. There were sellers at 231/2 July, probably August, buyers at 235/8 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was done during the early part of the morning at 382. 1/2. The market closed with sellers at 382, buyers at 3823/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Quite. Sellers of Sterling at 329/32 for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 61/8 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING

Nothing doing. The market closed with sellers at 1/231/32 July/August, buyers at 1/3 for Cash.

U.S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers for Spot and U.S. Dollars 61/8 sellers for Spot.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Going Higher

With a full day's working the market was better able to get into its stride, the result being a better turnover at improving prices. BUYERS

Unions Ins., \$345.
Docks (Old), \$16.50.
Docks (New), \$15.90.
Providents, \$3.90.
Trams, \$15.80.
China Lights (Old), \$8.50.
China Lights (New), \$8.60.
Electrics (Old), \$37.
Telephones (Old), \$22.25.
Telephones (New), \$8.30.
Cements, \$14.40.
Dairy Farms, \$18.25.

SELLERS

China Underwriters, 50 cts.
Docks (Old), \$17.
Cements, \$15.75.

SALES

H.K. Banks, \$1,200.
Docks (Old), \$16/16.50.
Docks (New), \$16.
Providents, \$4.

Hotels, \$3.60.
Trams, \$16.

Star Ferries, \$57.50.

Telephones (Old), \$22.50.

Cements, \$15.15.50.

Dairy Farms, \$18.25.

Watsons, \$8.75.

Constructions (Old), \$1.80.

at 231/2 July, probably August, buyers at 235/8 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was done this afternoon at 3823/4. The market closed with probable sellers at 3821/2, buyers at 383.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 229/32, sellers for Spot and U.S. Dollars 61/8, sellers for Spot.

Finance and Commerce

SCHEME TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURE

Expansion of the experiments carried on in the composting of village refuse as a means of stimulating agriculture—which may greatly help in the drive to make Malaya as self-supporting in vegetables as possible—is now being made by the Government Health Department.

Government Warns Hoarders Of Coins

The Currency Commissioners report that there have recently been increased demands for alloy coinage—20-cent, ten-cent and five-cent pieces, says the Malaya Tribune.

From the suddenness with which the demands arose, the Commissioners are inclined to think that the demand is due not so much to genuine trade requirements as to ignorance and misunderstanding on the part of certain people who have resorted to the mistaken practice of hoarding alloy coins.

The hoarding of coins is at all times an act which tends to disturb the normal flow of ordinary everyday business, and it is the small shopkeepers, the working classes, and the poorest people who are most inconvenienced by it.

SMOOTH RUNNING

In war-time anything calculated to disturb the smooth running of trade and commerce can only be construed as an act prejudicial to the public interest. It is hoped that it will not be necessary for Government to intervene and that the good sense of the public will be sufficient to check this hoarding, which disturbs the proper circulation of small coins.

Should anyone have the misfortune to be caught in the act of melting down the coins and selling the silver, he has only to put it to the test to discover his mistake. The present silver coins are nothing more than a token coinage. The silver contained in the 20-cent, ten-cent and five-cent pieces is less than half their face value. So it will be seen that the man who melts them down in order to sell the silver will lose considerably on the transaction.

If on the other hand, anyone boards the alloy coins and hides them in what he considers to be a safe place, he is not only inconveniencing others by holding back the coins which should be in circulation for the benefit of all, but he is running a risk of losing this money by robbery or theft.

INDIA TRADE CLOSSES DOWN

The Stock Exchange was brighter and prices generally higher owing to the market's favourable reaction to the Budget.

Industrials were firm with buyers predominating. Gold mines met with steady local support. Gold-edged securities advanced after an initial hesitance while Home Rais continued to rise steadily. Wall Street was steady.

Investors and capitalists therefore who are desirous of satisfactory returns for their money ought to consider investment on immovable properties.

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JULY 25, 1940.	
On London:	Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 1/4
	Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 1/8
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/3	
On Shanghai:	On demand 370
On Singapore:	On demand 52 3/4
On Japan:	On demand 53 1/4
On India:	On demand 54 1/2
On New York:	On demand 54 1/4
Bank Bills, on demand 53 1/4	Credits 60 days' sight 54 5/8
On Paris:	On demand 1085
Bank Bills, on demand 1085	Credits 4 months' sight 1160
On Saigon:	On demand 108
On Manila:	On demand 46 1/8
On Bangkok:	On demand 148 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	Bank Buying Rate 1/8
Bar Silver per oz.	23 3/8
Shanghai Exchange	Shanghai, July 25 (Reuter).
Official T.T. Rates	Opening London 0/3-3/4
New York	5-7/8
Japan	24-1/4
Paris	20-3/4
Hongkong	24-7/8
Sterling	Sellers 0/3-3/4
Opening	Opening Closing
Spot	0/3-57/64 0/3-29/32
July	0/3-57/64 0/3-29/32
Aug.	0/3-7/8 0/3-57/64
U.S. Dollars	Spot \$8-1/8 \$6-1/8
July	8-1/8 6-1/8
Aug.	6-1/16 6-1/16
Market—Quiet.	
India Rupee Paper	Bombay, July 24 (Reuter): Govt. 34% Rupee, 87-12-0.
Calcutta Exchange	Calcutta, July 24 (Reuter). T.T. on Japan, 85-5/8.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, July 24.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 34% (Red after 1962)	99
Canton-Kloon Ry. 5%	6
Chinese 4% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	30
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925-47	40
Chin. 4% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	44
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	13
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	18
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	8
Chin. Imperial Ry. 5%	40
Loan	9
Hunan Ry. 5%	11
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (L.P., N.Y. Issue)	14
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	11
Lung Tung & U. Hui Ry. 5% 1913	8
Shai-N'King Ry. 5%	13
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	8
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (German Stpd.)	8
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	8
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 6% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	8
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	29
Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924	51
Chartered Bank	64
H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	68
H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.)	68
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	16
Chosen Corporation	4
Pekin Syndicate	2
Shai Elec. Constr. Co.	15
Shai Waterworks "A"	13
Union Insurance	20
China Kaimpong Rubber	13/8
G-A. Tch. (bearer)	86/3
Mercurial Bank	11
Dunlop Rubber	25/8
Bristol Aeroplane	8/9

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION (REUTER'S SERVICE)

JULY 25, 1940.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	54	Kennecott Copper	241
Aleghany Steel Co.	204	Lakey Foundry & Mac.	34
Allied Stores	29	Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	38
Allis Chalmers	584	Lockheed Aircraft	244
Aluminum Ltd.	941	Loew's Inc.	213
Amer. Can	321	Loft Incorporated	194
American Cyanamid B.	11	Mack Truck Inc.	281
Amer. & Foreign Power	14	Martin, Glen L.	281
Amer. & Foreign \$1 pf.	148*	McKesson & Robbins, pf4.	21-1/9
American Gas & Elec.	—	Monsanto Chemical	—
American Locomotive	12	Montgomery Ward	394
Amer. Metals Co.	14*	National Aviation	93
Amer. Radiator	51	Nat. Dairy Products	141
Amer. Rolling Mill	104	Nat. Distillers	—
Amer. Stings & Ropes Co.	35	National Gypsum	161
Amer. Sugar Refining	134*	National Lead	74
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	1594	Nat. Power & Light	74
Amer. Tobacco "B"	76	National Steel Corp.	134
Amer. Waterworks	84	National Supply Corp.	52
Anacorda Copper	184	M'tain City Copper Co.	21
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	151*	New York Central	111
Aviation Corp.	41	Niagara Hudson Power	41
Bacock & Wilcox	142	N. American Aviation	151
Baldwin Locomotive	142	North American Co.	183
Baltimore & Ohio	38	Northern Pacific	6
Barber Asphalt Co.	10	Owens-Illinoi Glass Co.	52*
Barnsdall Oil	8	Pacific Gas & Elec.	29
Bell Aircraft Corp.	—	Pacific Lighting	—
Bendix Aviation	27	Packard Motors	31
Bethlehem Steel	75	Pan-American Airways	134
Biss & Co.	13*	Paramount Pictures	5
Boeing Airplane Co.	138	Pennsylvania R.R.	194
Borg-Warner	153	Phelps-Dodge	—
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	—	Philadelphia Read, Coal	41
Briggs Mfg.	174	Phillips Petroleum	328
Bronx-M'hattan Trans.	—	Pittsburg Coke & Iron	—
Brooklyn-Man Pfd.	—	Pullman Inc.	—
Public Service of N.J.	38*	Pure Oil	74
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	32	Radios, Corp. of Am.	42
Canadian Pacific R'way	21	Reading Company, Com.	124
Case, J.I.	471*	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	41*
Consolidated Edison	274	Republic Aviation Corp.	41
Consolidated Oil	61	Republic Steel	161
Continental Can	381	Revere Corp. & Brass Inc.	—
Continental Oil	181	Reynold Tobac. "B"	351
Copperweld Steel	171	Richfield Oil	—
Corn Products	—	Safeway Stores	43
Curtiss Wright (C.)	64	Schenley Distillers	91
Curtiss Wright "A"	232	Sears Roebuck	721
Dere & Co.	—	Shell Union Oil	63
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	16	Soucoy-Vacuum Oil	88
Douglas Aircraft	682	Southern Pacific	83
Du Pont de Nemours	1561	Southern Ry \$5 pf.	171
Eagle Picher Lead	73	Sperry	—
Eaton Mfg. Co.	30	Spider Manufacturing Co.	243
Elec. Autolite	314	Standard Brands	6
Elec. Bond & Share	51	Stand Gas & Elec.	14
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	62	Standard Oil of California	18
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	682	Standard Oil of N.J.	334
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	224	Stone & Webster	73
Fisk Rubber	—	Studebaker Corp.	61
Flintkote	123	Swift International	174
Gen. American Trans.	431	Technicolor	98*
Gen. Electric	312	Texas Corp.	384
Gen. Motors	433	Texes Gulf Sulphur	304
Gen. Railway Signal	113	Timken-Axe	223
Gen. Tire & Rubber	12	Trans-Ameria Co.	41
Gildden Co.	12	20th Cent. Fox	61
Goodrich (E.F.)	11	20th Cent. Fox \$1 pf.	34
Goodrich \$5 pf.	141	United Airlines Trans.	18
Goodyear Tire & Co.	14	United Corp.	17
Great Northern Iron Ore	22	United Airlines Trans.	17
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	204	United Corp.	17
Great Western Sugar	207	United Corp.	17
Greyhound Corp.	114	United Corp.	17
Hercules Powder Co.	784*	United Corp.	17
Homestake Mining	—	United Corp.	17
International Harvester	394	Vulted Aircraft	61
Int. Nickel	22	Walworth Co.	31
Inter. Paper & Power	114	Warner Bros. Pict.	24
Int. Tel. & Tel.	24	Westinghouse Elec.	944
Johns-Manville	—	Woodward Iron Cor.	25*
Chase National Bank	—	National City Bank	—
National City Bank	—		

—bid. —ex div.

DOW JONES AVERAGE			
High	Low	Close	Change
168.92	111.84	121.64	59 off
25.90	22.15	20.73	20 off
27.70	18.03	20 Utilities	22.08
29.22	23.06	20 Bonds	50.62
65.67	45.59	11. Commodity Index	11 np
Business Done:—200,000 shares			

LONDON GOLD

London, July 24 (Reuter).

Bar Gold: Fine per oz. 183/-

SILVER MARKET

London, July 24 (Reuter).

Silver: Market featureless and quiet. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady.

Spot, 22-3/8d.

Forward, 22-1/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, July 24 (Reuter).

Market—Quietly steady. Offtake

150 bars.

Indian Mint Silver.

Ready, 32-05.

July 30 Settlement, 32-03.

Aug. 28 Settlement, 32-03.

FINANCE

PAYNE & CO.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW (FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, July 24, 1940.

Previous July 24

Close Buyers

Openings Buyers

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 * Omits Yokohama.

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 S.S. "PRESIDENT HARRISON" Aug. 18
 S.S. "PRESIDENT POLK" Sept. 15

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 S.S. "CITY OF LOS ANGELES" Aug. 26

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N.E.I. JOURNALIST ON INDO-CHINA AFFAIRS

Negotiations have been begun in French Indo-China to divorce the piastre from the franc and link it with either the pound sterling, the guilder or the United States dollar—a decision which, it is hoped in Saigon, will solve the country's peculiar economic difficulties brought about by the submission of France to Germany and the advent of the Petain regime.

News of this was brought by Dr A. J. J. Hammelburg, economic expert for the N.E.I. newspaper Java-Boek, who, with a fellow-journalist, recently visited French Indo-China to study the situation there with special permission of the Government, says the Malaya Tribune.

Dr. Hammelburg is hurrying back to Java to report this impending economic change in French Indo-China, which, he says, will have "big repercussions."

Asked what his impressions were of the present situation in Indo-China, from where there has been practically no news recently, Dr. Hammelburg said, "The business people are not for Petain. The officials' attitude is, 'We obey the orders of the Government.' The business men and prominent residents with whom I have talked blame the politicians, who, they say, made mistakes before and during the war, but they can't see any good in the Fascist system. Petain has prepared for France."

"EVERYTHING CENSORED"

"The position with the business houses is not so good. For weeks they have heard nothing from their head offices. Everything is censored. Your Reuter news here is published, in Saigon 11 hours later. Radio broadcasts from the B.B.C. are jammed by the official station."

"The people know nothing of General de Gaulle or what he is doing. The newspapers print nothing about him. There is a great deal of news printed in the newspapers that is sent out by Berlin and Rome news services."

Turning to the shipping situation, Dr. Hammelburg said that two of the Messageries Maritimes' largest vessels, the Aramis and the D'Artagnan, are tied up in harbour.

Eight thousand tons of rubber meant for the United States cannot be exported.

But there is no lack of food, though shortage of petrol has necessitated the Government ordering rationing. Newsprint is

another Chinese protest

CHUNGKING, July 25 (Reuters)—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has filed another strong protest with the diplomatic representatives of the foreign governments concerned against the handing over by the Shanghai Municipal Council of the land documents to the bogus Shanghai regime.

The Ministry pointed out that since the land documents were entrusted to its custody by the Land Bureau of the Greater Shanghai Municipality under Mayor O.K. Yu the S.M.C. had no right to hand them over to any organization other than the original Land Bureau, and far less the bogus Shanghai regime.

Characterising the action of the S.M.C. as unlawful, the Ministry said that it not only seriously affected the interests of the Chinese and foreigners in Shanghai but also betrayed the trust of the Chinese Government.

Declaring the transfer legally null and void, the Ministry said that the Chinese Government reserved all rights in the case.

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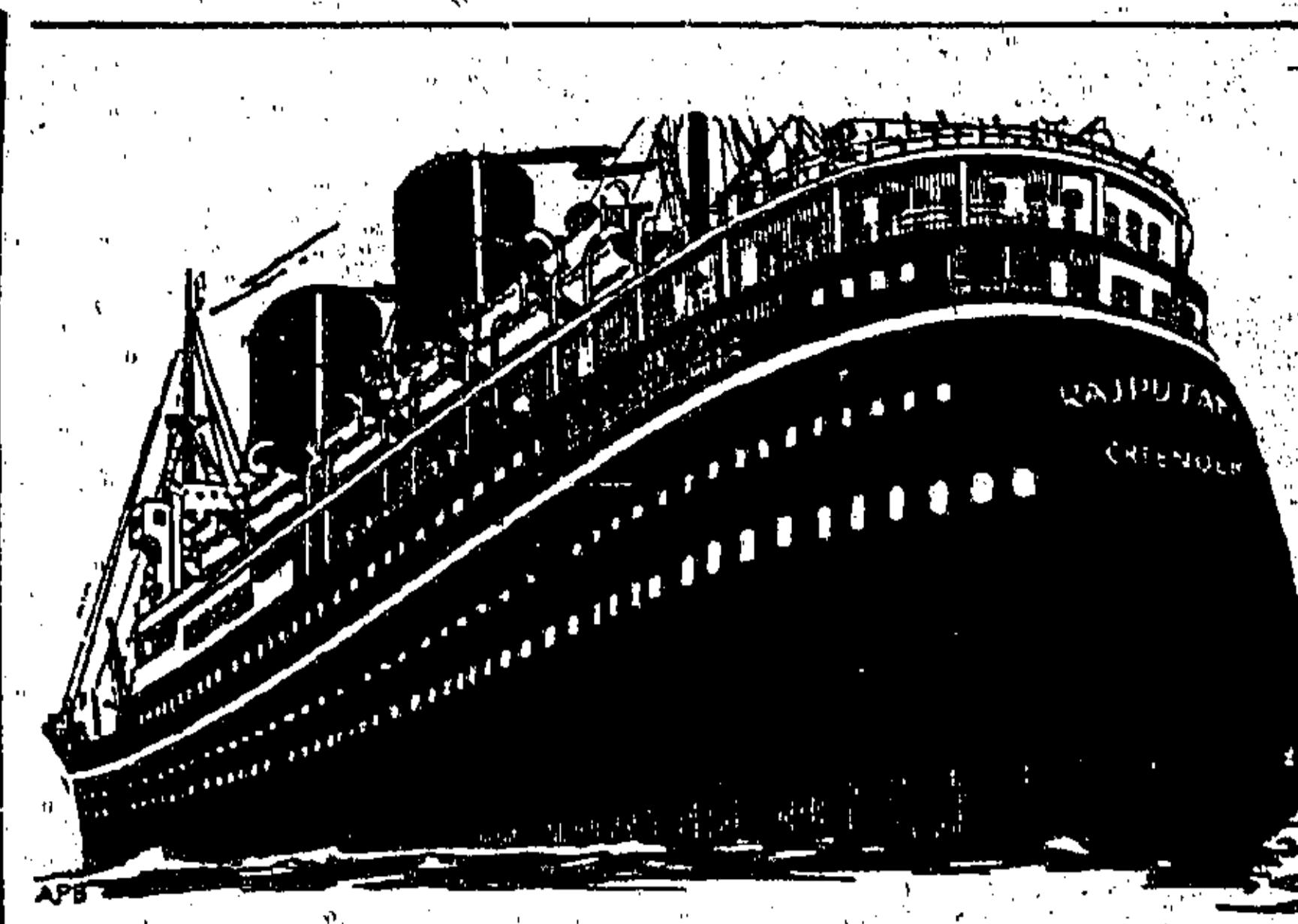
NEW YORK, July 25 (Reuters)—Writing in her daily newspaper column, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, urged the United States to encourage the growth of economic security in China.

"I suppose for many people the question of closing of the Burma Road for three months seems rather an academic question," she says.

"Yet when a nation cuts off its ports, its one source of connection with the outside world, it must seem rather important to that nation.

In a minor way Japan is doing to China what some day a combination of nations might do to us. It may sound very selfish, but from the point of view of our own interest, would it not be wise to encourage the growth of economic security in China? I realise the needs of Japan. I am all for peaceful trade with Japan, but somehow it seems to me that this spread of war all over the world must be stopped and the best way to do so in the Far East would be to build up the economic security."

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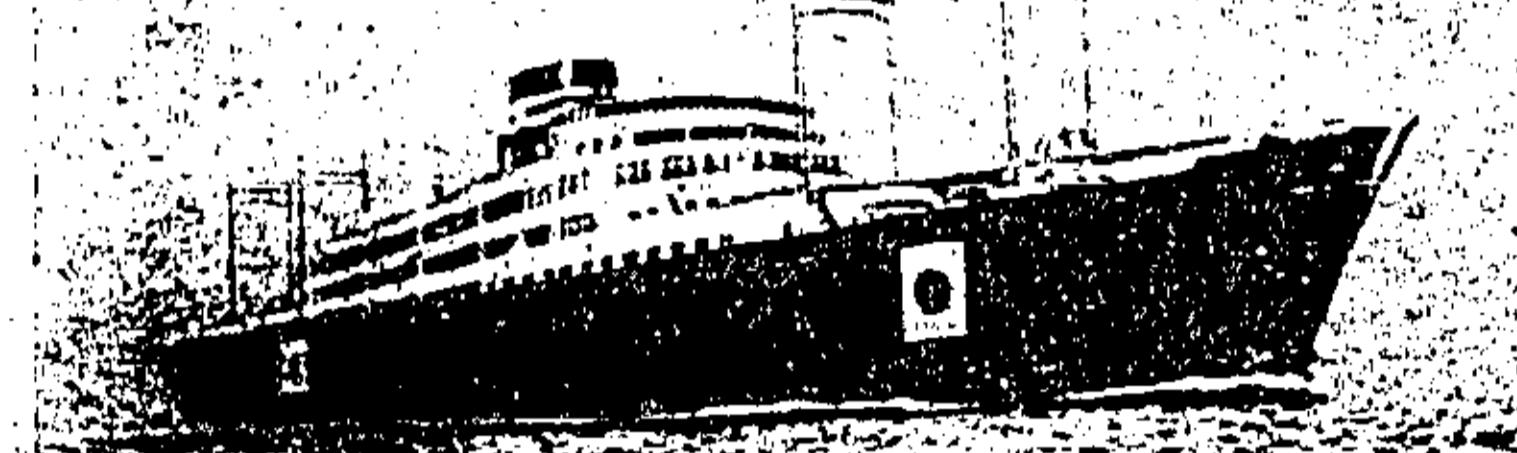
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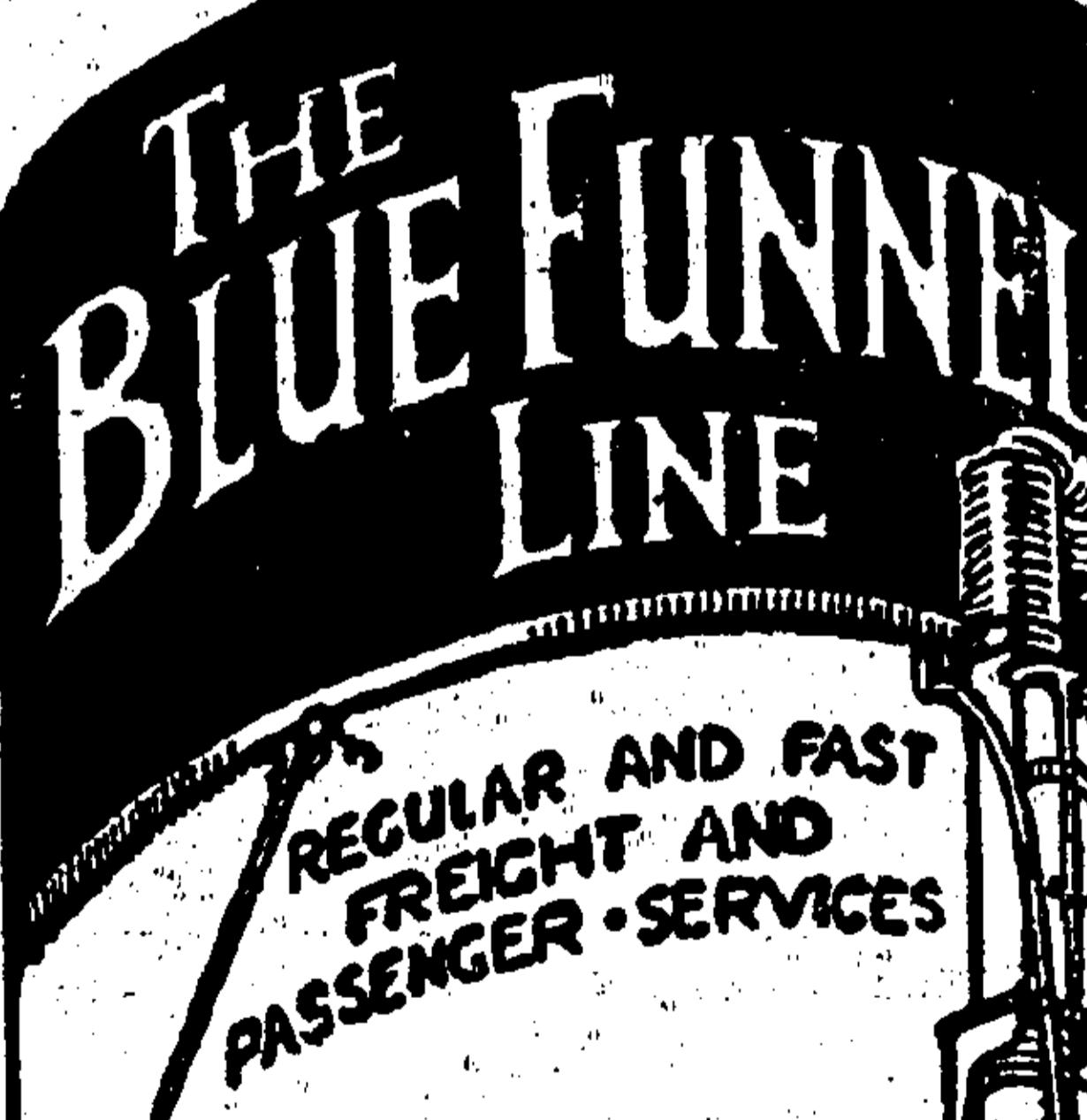
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Confidence**Continued from Page 1
stated that they did not take responsibility for the evacuation but left it to him to decide who were outside the Colony's constitution.

Colonial Secretary: I doubt that you would wish me to make a statement, on this occasion, at this point. If what His Excellency has said and my replies are insufficient, then the matter can be raised again.

BADLY HANDLED

Hon. Mr. Paterson remarked that his one reason for opposing the vote was that the whole of the evacuation scene had been very badly handled by the Government. He thought that as far as Government was concerned it had been ineffectual and neither how nor in the future should the public pay for waste matter.

Remarking that asking the Finance Committee to agree to this "token vote" amounted to a request for a blank cheque, Hon. Mr. Lo said that the whole community had very loyally subscribed and paid towards Britain's war effort, but they did not in fact pay for the evacuation of so many thousands of selected persons, and, if it was suggested that the money be taken from the War Revenue Fund, the opposition to the vote by the Chinese members of the Council would be even stronger.

Hon. Mr. Shields contended that the evacuation was entirely wrong. If Government were not going to be responsible for the maintenance of the people who had been sent away, irrespective of nationality or race, then Government should say so. The Government must have a policy, he added. The vote did not say where the money was going.

Hon. Mr. Butters (Financial Secretary) said that certain bills had come in from the Committee in charge of the evacuation, such as the transfer of luggage to the ships, etc.

The Colonial Secretary mentioned that there were items for voluntary assistance to people who were in need.

NOT AGAINST PAYING

Hon. Mr. Dodwell said that he did not wish it to be understood that he was against paying. "I say that the Home Government should pay."

The Colonial Secretary: I don't agree with a great deal of what has been said. I do not propose to continue the debate on this. If the meeting is agreeable, we can meet confidentially afterwards when we can find out what the differences are. We can hold the vote over.

Hon. Mr. Shields: I propose we do not pass this vote. It should be thrashed out in full Council.

The Colonial Secretary said he could not give an estimate of what money was needed until they knew when Government would agree to the cost of maintenance.

NEWSETTES

Mrs. R. A. D. Forrest, wife of Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Postmaster General, left Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. H. N. Williamson, of Queen's College, was a passenger to the South from Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. L. J. Brookes, of Butterfield & Swire, left Hongkong for the South yesterday.

About ten members attended the Y.M.C.A.'s Club's dinner held at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday.

Mr. J. K. Bousfield, director of Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, left the Colony for the South yesterday.

Mr. T. G. S. Alexander, of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., left Hongkong yesterday for the South.

Mrs. H. J. Pearce, wife of Mr. H. J. Pearce, Acting Director of Public Works, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Manila.

A memorial service for the late Mr. Samuel Chang, veteran Chinese journalist who was murdered by gunmen in Shanghai on July 19, will be held in the Christ Church, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, on Monday, July 23, at 5 p.m.

Removing a pane of glass, a thief entered the bed room of Miss Gardner, of Cameron Road, on Tuesday night and stole her silver rosary, valued at \$4.

**HUSBANDS WILL
SUFFER**

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is making itself responsible not only for the actual cost of transport to Manilla and Australia and return to Hongkong, but also for the maintenance of the families of those who cannot afford to maintain themselves. The period of evacuation is indefinite. It may be for three months, six months, or a number of years.

SELECTED SECTION

Therefore is the position, as it appears to us, that the tax-payers of this Colony are being made to pay for the evacuation of a very small and selected section of the community and, whenever necessary, for their maintenance and support during an indefinite period leaving some 99.9 per cent of the population uncared for and unprotected when an emergency does come.

I am aware that most if not all of the evacuees did not ask for and did not like the evacuation; that they naturally resent the enforced separation from those near and dear to them, and that their husbands suffer and will continue to suffer great financial burdens and hardship arising from the evacuation. In all sincerity, I keenly sympathise with them.

Moreover, I know that many of the evacuees have very bitter tales to tell of what I can only describe as disgraceful discrimination in treatment meted out to them, not by the Manila Authorities and people to whom this Colony owes a great debt of gratitude, but by those charged by the Hongkong Government to look after their welfare. I hope that these complaints are being fully investigated by Government.

I know further that those not compulsorily evacuated have much to be thankful for in the existing circumstances. But the terrible hardships of the evacuees, the financial sacrifices which husbands of the evacuees have to bear, and the advantages at the present time of those not compulsorily evacuated, can have no relevancy on the point of principle that some million and a half people in Hongkong are made to pay for the evacuation and maintenance of some 5,000 people.

My colleagues and I realise very keenly the difficulties of Government and the last thing we wish to do is to embarrass Government. But as representatives of 98 per cent of the population for whom Government has as yet not been able to do anything either for their evacuation or for their protection during an emergency and who bear some 99 per cent of the burden of taxation, we feel it our duty to vote over.

Hon. Mr. Shields: I propose we do not pass this vote. It should be thrashed out in full Council.

Hon. Mr. Paterson asked for an assurance that matters of this nature would be properly conducted in future.

IN TRANSIT

Those in transit on board the Dutch ship, were:

Mr. H. A. Lee, Mr. R. Horne, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. Thio Thiam Tjiong, Rev. Hugh Bennett, Rev. Louis Martinez, Mr. F. K. Mercadante and infant.

FOR THE SOUTH

The following departed on a K.P.M. liner for the South:

Capt. and Mrs. E. E. Barclay, Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Mr. L. J. Brooks, Mr. J. Durran, Rev. D. V. Edwards, Miss M. E. S. Elliot, Mrs. R. A. D. Forrest, Mr. G. N. Goloboff, Mr. F. N. A. d'Hardvilliers, Mr. A. Hubbard, Mr. H. J. Kilpatrick, Mr. L. Knige.

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BACK FROM MANILA

The following were among the passengers who arrived in Hongkong from Manila yesterday:

Mrs. H. J. Pearce, Mrs. R. K. Valentine and son, Mrs. R. H. Well and son, Mrs. A. W. Wright.

**Government
Under Fire**

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Hon. Mr. Paterson: I have often wondered at that. (More laughter.)

Mr. Paterson added that the whole thing had been ineffectively handled.

Hon. Mr. D'Almada emphasised that the Hon. Mr. Lo was not the sort of man bring forward allegations if he was not sure of his facts. If there was an option for non-European women to return others would jump at the opportunity to come back to Hongkong. There had, said Mr. D'Almada, been discrimination here and sub-discrimination in Manila.

Colonial Secretary remarked that if a Government official was concerned the answer would be quite easy.

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NOT CONSULTED

Sir Henry Pollock remarked that there should be some enquiry as to why the Finance Committee was not consulted before the evacuation scheme was put into operation.

Hon. Mr. Paterson: The War Cabinet overrides everything.

Sir Henry Pollock suggested that the War Cabinet members subscribe among themselves to pay for the evacuation. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Paterson pointed out that there was no wish not to pay if the bills were itemised by the Government.

Sir Henry Pollock did not see why they should pay for the transport of baggage of women who should not have been evacuated.

The Finance Committee then went into secret session for the purpose of continuing the debate on the token vote and hearing the Government's proposals from Mr. North.

PASSENGERS**ARRIVALS AND
DEPARTURES**

The following passengers left Hongkong on a J.C.L. liner for the South yesterday:

Mr. T. G. S. Alexander, Miss M. H. Alves, Mr. E. Bailey, Mr. B. R. Carney, Dr. E. J. Curran, Mr. Van Dien Dao, Mr. J. W. Dodds, Miss E. Griffin.

Miss L. Hubbard, Mrs. G. R. Hughes, Mrs. C. Roza and five children, Mr. S. Tilbury, Mr. E. P. Wasser, Miss E. M. Whitehead, Mr. H. N. Williamson, Mrs. B. Yale.

ARRIVALS

Passengers who arrived on the J.C.L. liner were:

Mrs. Q. E. Esho and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Forster, Miss R. Spy.

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